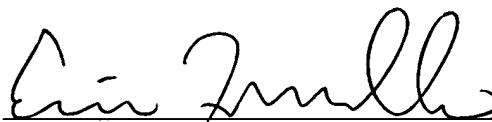


Remarks:

Claims 1-23 are pending in this application. Applicant has amended the claims to eliminate multiple dependencies and thereby reduce the filing fee. Applicant has also amended the claims to delete reference characters. The invention is not limited any particular embodiment described or shown in the specification. Furthermore, Applicant has amended the format of the claims and spelling of certain terms to reflect standard U.S. format.

Respectfully submitted,

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